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For: **ANIONIC HYDROGEL MATRICES WITH PH  
DEPENDENT MODIFIED RELEASE AS DRUG CARRIERS**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This *AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION* is filed in response to the Non-Final Office Action (“Office Action”) of April 13, 2011. Thus, this *AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION* is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.